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1. SUMMARY. DEBATE ON FIRST AGENDA ITEM, DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, HAS BEEN CALM WITH ATTENTION CENTERED ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF DRAFT PROGRAM WHICH GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED UNDER DIRECTION OF MOUSSA (EGYPT) HAS RESOLVED THREE OF FOUR POINTS AT ISSUE, GENERALLY ALONG LINES FAVORED BY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. KEY ISSUE OF WHETHER TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL COORDINATING COMITE FOR DECADE OR TO USE ECOSOC STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. COMITE NOW ELL ADVANCED IN CONSIDERATION OF FIRST ITEM ON ITS AGENDA (53(A)--DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION). THIRTY-ONE DELS HAVE SPOKEN, ALL CONDEMNING RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND PORTUGUESE AFRICAN COLONIES, MANY CITING PROGRESS MADE IN ERADICATING RACISM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTIRES AND ALL SUPPORT-ING "DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR ACTION" (A/9094), WHILE SUGGESTING VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH IT COULD BE EXPANDED AND/OR IMPROVED.

3. ALL EAST EUROPEAN AND SOME NON-ALIGNED SPOKESMEN HAVE
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CALLED ATTENTION TO "THOSE NATO MEMBERS WHO MAINTAIN ECONOMIC,

POLITICAL AND EVEN MILITARY TIES WITH THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN RACIST REGIMES, THEREBY ENABLING THE LATTER TO DEFY DECISIONS OF UN." HOWEVER, USSR DID NOT AT THIS JUNCTURE REFER TO ITS RECENT RATIFICATION OF TWO PRINCIPAL COVENANTS IMPLEMENTING THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. DEBATE HAS BEEN UNUSUALLY CALM WITH ATTENTION CENTERED AROUND THREE PROPOSALS IN DRAFT PROGRAM. HOLDING OF WORLD CONFERENCE IN MID-DECADE (PARA 13(A)), ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY FUND TO HELP PEOPLE STRUGGLING AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (PARA 17) AND CREATION OF A SPECIAL COMITE TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES FOR DECADE (PARA 18(A)).

4. WEOS (KAPAN, FINLAND, AUSTRIA, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA, AND NORWAY) WERE SKEPTICAL OF NEED FOR FUND, CONCERNED THAT PROPOSED CONFERENCE MIGHT NOT BE BEST USE OF LIMITED RESOURCES, AND STRONGLY CONVINCED THAT ECOSOC SHOULD COORDINATE THE PROGRAM. IN SPEECH OF SUPPORT FOR DECADE BY US DELEGATE MRS. MARGARET YOUNG, WHICH EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED, US EXPRESSED CONCERN RE EFFECTIVENESS OF CONFERENCE, SUGGESTED FUND WOULD SUPPLICATE EXISTING FUNDS AND SUPPORTED ECOSOC AS COORDINATING BODY. (SPEECH POUNDED HEWITT IO/UNP.) MOST OF NON-ALIGNED (EGYPT, KENYA, AFGHANISTAN, NIGERIA, GUYANA, GHANA, ALGERIA AND INDONESIA) SUPPORTED PROPOSALS AS CONTAINED A/9094. BRAZIL AND MEXICO SPECIFICALLY OBJECTED TO SPECIAL COMITE AND ASKED THAT COORDINATION BE DONE BY SOCIAL COMITE OF ECOSOC. EES HAVE ALL URGED COORDINATING ROLE BE PERFORMED BY ECOSOC.

5. WORKING GROUP HAS ALREADY AGREED ON THREE POINTS. FIRST, DRAFT PROGRAM WILL NOT BE REDRAFTED TO INCLUDE CERD DEFINITION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. SECOND, WHILE DECISION TO HOLD WORLD CONFERENCE WILL BE INCLUDED IN PROGRAM, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT IT WILL BE HELD PREFERABLY BY 1978 BUT NOT EXPLICITLY BEFORE THAT TIME. THIRD, PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW VOLUNTARY FUND REMAINS. MAJOR OUTSTANDING QUESTION IS NECESSITY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL COMITE, AND THE RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM STILL HIGHLY UNCERTAIN. THE GROUP OF 77 HAS NO UNIFIED POSITION ON SPECIAL COMITE, AND GIVEN STIFF EE AND WEO OPPOSITION ASSIGNMENT OF COORDINATING FUNCTION TO THE SOCIAL COMITE OF ECOSOC REMAINS A REAL POSSIBILITY.

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6. EXACT LANGUAGE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT PROGRAMS WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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